

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL
April 22, 2020**

A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois was held Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Jeff Grove presiding with proper notice being duly and continuously posted. The meeting was held via conference call through the WebEx platform with the council, staff, press, and the public having the ability to participate in the meeting by dialing 312.535.8110 using access code 628-117-216 and password 5272553.

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present- Mayor Jeff Grove, Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

Absent: Alderman Reynolds

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held April 6, 2020. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS

Clerk Brown read aloud the two proclamations under consideration.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to proclaim April 2020 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and April 2020 as Fair Housing Month in the City of La Salle. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to grant the request from Rosana Sanchez for a Sign Permit to install a 2'5" x 3'x 8" non-illuminated, double-face wall sign for The Beautique located at 141 Gooding Street. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Reynolds Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to grant the request from Ron Witek of Breckle Corporation for a Sign Permit to install a 75 sq. ft non-illuminated, single-face, banner for Green Leaf Joe located at 2405 St. Vincent Avenue. Each and every alderman has copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Reynolds Abstain: None

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Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to refer the request for a stop sign southbound on Creve Coeur and Gunn Avenue to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Alderman Bacidore called a meeting of the Streets, Alleys, and Traffic committee on Monday, May 4, 2020 immediately following the 6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to grant the request from Guylene Strange on behalf of the LP Cavalettes to hold a Tag Day collection on June 27-28, 2020 at the intersection of 11th and Bucklin and at La Salle businesses. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to grant the request of Christine Pasioka and Michelle Olson on behalf of Starved Rock Rentals for a Redevelopment Incentive Program grant totaling \$7,700 for premises located at 553 First Street (formerly Last Muffler and Brake). Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Reynolds Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Building Inspector's Report for February 2020 showing total fees collected of \$100.00 with total value of construction of \$12,500. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Monthly Police Income Report for February 2020 showing total fees collected of \$6,444.75. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Monthly Police Income Report for March 2020 showing total fees collected of \$6,200.25. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Treasurer's Report for March 2020 showing total cash balances in the La Salle State Bank of \$8,243,588.37 and in Hometown National Bank of \$3,881,220.27. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Illinois Department of Revenue report showing sales tax collected for December 2019 of \$74,607.64 and Home Rule Sales Tax of \$64,486.00 non-home rule Sales Tax of \$76.30 for a total of \$139,169.94 and the Illinois Department of Revenue report showing sales tax collected for January 2020 of \$64,034.14 and Home Rule Sales Tax of \$54,615.75 non-home rule Sales Tax of \$23.72 for a total of \$118,673.61. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Mayor Grove asked the council to formally approve the appointment of Nicole Supan to the Planning Commission. Mayor Grove said that Nicole is very active in city events through LPAC as well as assisting with the Celebration of Lights. Mayor thanked Nicole for being willing to serve in this role.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept the Mayor's recommendation and appoint Nicole Supan to the Planning Commission for a four-year term and

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Reynolds Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Appointment: Nicole Supan to Planning Commission to 2024.

Mayor Grove stated that the next appointment/reappointment is more of a housekeeping formality concerning our City Attorney Jim McPhedran.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to more formally approve the reappointment of Jim McPhedran and Meyers & Flowers, as successor city attorneys to Jim McPhedran and Anthony C. Raccuglia & Associates.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Reynolds Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Reappointment: Jim McPhedran and Meyers & Flowers, as successor city attorneys to Jim McPhedran and Anthony C. Raccuglia & Associates.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was brought forth.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Bacidore suggested that the council consider forgiving liquor license renewal fees this year as a way to assist taverns who have been closed for close to two months. He stated that we receive between \$17,000 and \$20,000 each month in revenue from gaming machines in these establishments, in addition to sales tax generated by businesses holding liquor licenses. Alderman Bacidore stated that he estimates the cost of forgiving the licensing fees would be equivalent to approximately one month of gaming and sales tax revenue generated by businesses holding liquor licenses.

Mayor Grove said the licenses renew May 1st, so this is something we could consider once we receive further directives from the Governor. Mayor Grove said this is not something we are ready to act on now, but could consider at a future meeting.

Alderman Bacidore said he has spoken to a few of the aldermen individually and opinions are mixed, but he thought it was something to consider. Mayor Grove said he made a good point and perhaps we could pro-rate the licenses based on the number of months of closure. He said this is one way we can look out for our businesses.

Alderman Herndon asked the Mayor if he had any thoughts or decisions on Celebrate La Salle. Mayor Grove stated that our event is held the last weekend of June, so we have a little more time to make a decision. He stated that Beth Ketter schedules the bands and other entertainment so she will review cancellation policies and will watch guidelines issued by the

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State concerning large events. As of right now, it is on until we hear something different from the Governor.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to pass and place on file

Ordinance 2873: An Ordinance approving Labor Agreement between the City of La Salle and Illinois Fraternal Order of Police (Sergeants/Lieutenants). Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Reynolds Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

**Ordinance 2873: Approving
Labor Agreement between the
City of La Salle and Illinois Order
of Police (Sergeants/Lieutenants)**

COMMENTS

Mayor Grove thanked the Sergeants and Lieutenants for their willingness to negotiate a two-year contract which will bring them back in line with AFSCME and Patrolmen who have four-year contracts. The current two-year contract was originally negotiating because at that time the City was looking into possible Shared Services. Mayor Grove thanked the Sergeants and Lieutenants for their cooperation.

Alderman Jeppson stated since the Library is currently closed due to Covid-10, they have begun accepting applications for digital library cards. Residents of La Salle can apply through the library's website or Facebook page in order to have the ability to check out eBooks and audio books.

Mayor Grove stated that bulk item pick-up will resume this week. Yard waste bags with stickers will be picked up on Fridays, with plans to eventually return to Monday pick-up. There is also a dumpster north of the tennis courts at Hegeler Park where residents can drop off yard waste bags. A sticker is not required on bags that are dropped off.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept, pay and place on file bills for April 22, 2020 with Total submitted of \$579,079.95 (Total Payroll \$168,928.37, Bills to be Paid \$286,366.73, Total Bills Paid \$123,784.85). Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Reynolds Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Mayor Grove encouraged the public to complete the on-line census form. This information is very important to the City as it determines funding received from the state and federal level. The census is a short form and takes only 5-10 minutes to complete.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to adjourn the meeting.
Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ADJOURNED 6:57 p.m.



Carrie Brown, City Clerk